The 35th annual Florida State University TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL AND CONDUCTING CONFERENCE is designed to provide rewarding musical experiences for high school band students and their directors. Each year the festival features nationally and internationally renowned guest conductors and resident Florida State University faculty in a busy schedule of concerts, master classes, and professional clinics.

The conductors for the 2015 Tri-State Festival are Rebecca Phillips (Colorado State University), James M. Sammons (Vero Beach High School), Travis J. Cross (University of California, Los Angeles), Bradley P. Ethington, (Syracuse University), and Jim Ketch (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill).

Students interested in this year’s Honors Jazz Ensemble must submit a recorded audition. In order to be considered for this ensemble, student recordings must be received by Thursday, October 1. Visit the Tri-State website (http://www.music.fsu.edu/Tri-State-Band-Festival) for audition requirements and other pertinent information.

Concert band student nominations are due Tuesday, October 6, and auditions will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3. Chair assignments will be posted in the early evening before rehearsals begin. The initial rehearsal will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, and the final concert will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, December 6 in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall.

The Conducting Conference has become an eagerly anticipated event for band directors in the Tri-State area. This conference includes clinic sessions with each of the festival conductors, Dr. Patrick Dunnigan, Director of Bands at FSU, and Professor Richard Clary, Director of Wind Studies and Senior Band Director at FSU.

The festival’s concert series begins on Thursday afternoon with a performance by the award-winning FSU Jazz Ensemble in Opperman Music Hall. The Prism Concerts, an annual 90-minute non-stop wind and percussion extravaganza, will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. The festival concludes on Sunday afternoon with performances by the Honors Jazz Ensemble in Opperman Music Hall and the four concert bands in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall.

Students selected for the Tri-State Festival must provide their own transportation to Tallahassee, as well as meals—with the exception of breakfast and a banquet on Sunday.

The $209 participation fee covers the following:

• Cost of lodging
• Breakfasts
• Transportation to and from rehearsals and concerts
• Banquet
• Souvenir T-shirt
• CD of the finale concert
• All instructional expenses

Students will be chaperoned at all times by FSU faculty, graduate assistants, and staff.

It is crucial that everyone follow the deadlines exactly as stated in this brochure. Failure to do so will result in your student(s) being unable to participate in Tri-State.

In addition, please note that this is the only hard copy piece of information you will receive. All future communication will be via email. Please check the Tri-State website (http://www.music.fsu.edu/Tri-State-Band-Festival) regularly for updates.

We look forward to seeing you and your students at this year’s Tri-State Band Festival and Conducting Conference.

Regards,

Dr. Patrick Dunnigan, Director of Bands
Prof. Richard Clary, Director of Wind Studies
Kenna Veronee, Tri-State Festival Administrator

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Online Nominations

In order to streamline data entry and expedite the notification process, the Tri-State Band Festival will utilize online nominations. Directors may access the Student Nomination Form from the “Documents” menu on the Tri-State Festival website. Before accessing the nomination form, please note the following:

- A separate form must be completed for each student nominated. Only students in the 11th or 12th grade are eligible for participation.
- Director name, school and email must be entered on each form. We apologize for this minor inconvenience.
- Please ensure all data is correct before submitting each nomination. Submitted forms cannot be retrieved or edited online.
- A confirmation message will be sent to the director’s provided email address for each student nomination. Review the submitted information, and contact the FSU Band Office (850-644-3507) to make any changes.

The deadline for student nominations is October 6, 2015. Directors will be notified of accepted students by November 2, 2015.

Visit the Tri-State Band Festival website:
http://www.music.fsu.edu/Tri-State-Band-

Honors Jazz Ensemble

The Tri-State Festival is proud to announce the continuation of our recently developed Honors Jazz Ensemble. The Honors Jazz Ensemble will provide a unique opportunity for students seeking to develop their jazz performance skills and work with renowned jazz artists and FSU jazz faculty. Participants will be selected from recorded auditions to complete the instrumentation for a standard big band. The Honors Jazz Ensemble experience will feature multiple performance opportunities, as members take the stage on Sunday afternoon to perform two concerts for directors, family, friends and all 400 Tri-State Band Festival participants.

Students interested in the Honors Jazz Ensemble may also be nominated for the concert band festival. However, if selected, these students must perform with the jazz ensemble in order to allow another concert band member the opportunity to attend the Tri-State Festival. Visit the Tri-State Festival website for audition requirements and other pertinent information.